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This four-part manual assists child care providers working in day care centers, Head Start Centers, or nursery schools to design the physical space of both indoor and outdoor settings for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and younger school-aged children. Part 1 stresses the importance of the physical environment in the child care setting. Part 2 addresses planning and designing a classroom or playroom. Part 3 contains information on designing a new center, including working with an architect. Part 4 examines planning outdoor play settings as part of a child care program. Each section contains exercises to illustrate important points and provides handout material that can be photocopied for distribution. The manual concludes with a resource list. (GR)

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